

REMARKS

Applicant is filing this voluntary amendment in an effort to reduce potential issues in the instant application and thereby expedite the prosecution of the application. Consequently, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. As noted above, this amendment is not a response to the outstanding Office Action of October 2, 2008. A response thereto will be filed in due course.

In Applicant's co-pending application Serial No. 09/794,456, the Examiner made a new ground of rejection regarding claims 11, 12, 25, and 26 in the July 9, 2008 Office Action. The gist of this rejection is that the term "derivatives of cellular products" was not understood. Although a similar rejection was not made in the instant application, Applicant has canceled Claim 243 and amended Claims 244 and 260. Such cancellation and amendments serve to remove any possible new ground of rejection from the instant application, and thereby expedite the prosecution of the instant application. However, such claims will be incorporated into co-pending application Serial No. 11/605,153. Applicant has decided to prosecute these claims in a separate application to reduce the issues in the instant application and does not acquiesce or agree with the new ground of rejection.

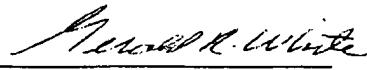
Prompt entry of the instant Amendment and notification thereof is requested. Entry of the instant amendment is deemed warranted because it does not add additional claims or raise new issues and reduces the number of issues.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, a phone call to Applicant's attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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